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State Higher Education Commission to Discuss University Admission Changes, Higher Education Accountability, and Public College and University Executive Compensation

September 1, 2004 — Sacramento — The California Postsecondary Education Commission will meet on September 7–8 in Room 113 at the State Capitol to review and discuss the impact that tightening UC admissions requirements would have on different racial/ethnic groups. Entitled *Moving the Goalposts: The Potential Effects of Changes in the University of California's Admissions Requirements*, this report is a follow-up to the Commission's recent research that showed that the proportion of high school graduates eligible for admission to the University of California exceeded the 12.5% of high school graduates recommended in the state's Master Plan for Higher Education. In an effort to analyze the impact of decreasing the size of the eligibility pool, the Commission examined three scenarios for changing the admission requirements. It found that there are wide differences in the way that changes to grade point average and test scores could affect the racial composition of the eligibility pool. *Moving the Goalposts* is one in a series of Commission reports on eligibility issues.

A second document to be discussed is a prospectus on how the State can develop a credible statewide accountability framework for higher education to ensure that policy makers and public colleges are held accountable for their performance. The framework, based on legislation currently on the Governor's desk, provides various indicators that measure progress toward broad statewide goals for higher education.

An additional issue to be presented to the Commission is an analysis of the level of compensation paid to community college and university executives. This study presents information on the changes over the last 12 months and provides information comparing compensation at comparable colleges and universities in other states, and shows that the disparity for salaries paid to California executives is increasing.

Copies of these reports, along with the entire Commission agenda, are available on its website at www.cpec.ca.gov. The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities.